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A New Age of Heroes

META 4

Meet **Emily**, **Allis**, **Craig**, and **Dirk** — three college students and one transient ex-junkie, in that order. Well... actually, you can't meet them right now, because they're comatose. They've been that way since 1987, when they were struck by an enigmatic ball of energy during the Harmonic Convergence. They're in the process of becoming metahumans — harbingers of the so-called New Age. Guides for others who have the potential to transcend their current state.

Unfortunately, they don't know that yet. All they *do* know is that they've been asleep for an awfully long time, and their dreams are getting curiouser and curiouser. Emily dreams of water and of crystal, Craig of earth and stone, Allis of fiery energy, and Dirk of the airy spaces that permeate matter. And while they sleep, strange things are afoot throughout the world. One of the strangest — a fast-food cult — is doing its best to put our four dreamers out of commission, permanently.

In October 1990 that's all going to change. When Emily, Allis, Craig, and Dirk wake up, they'll learn what their mission as Meta-4 is going to be. Exactly *how* they're supposed to carry out that mission, though, is... well, let's just say that the powers-that-be are a little *vague* on points like that.

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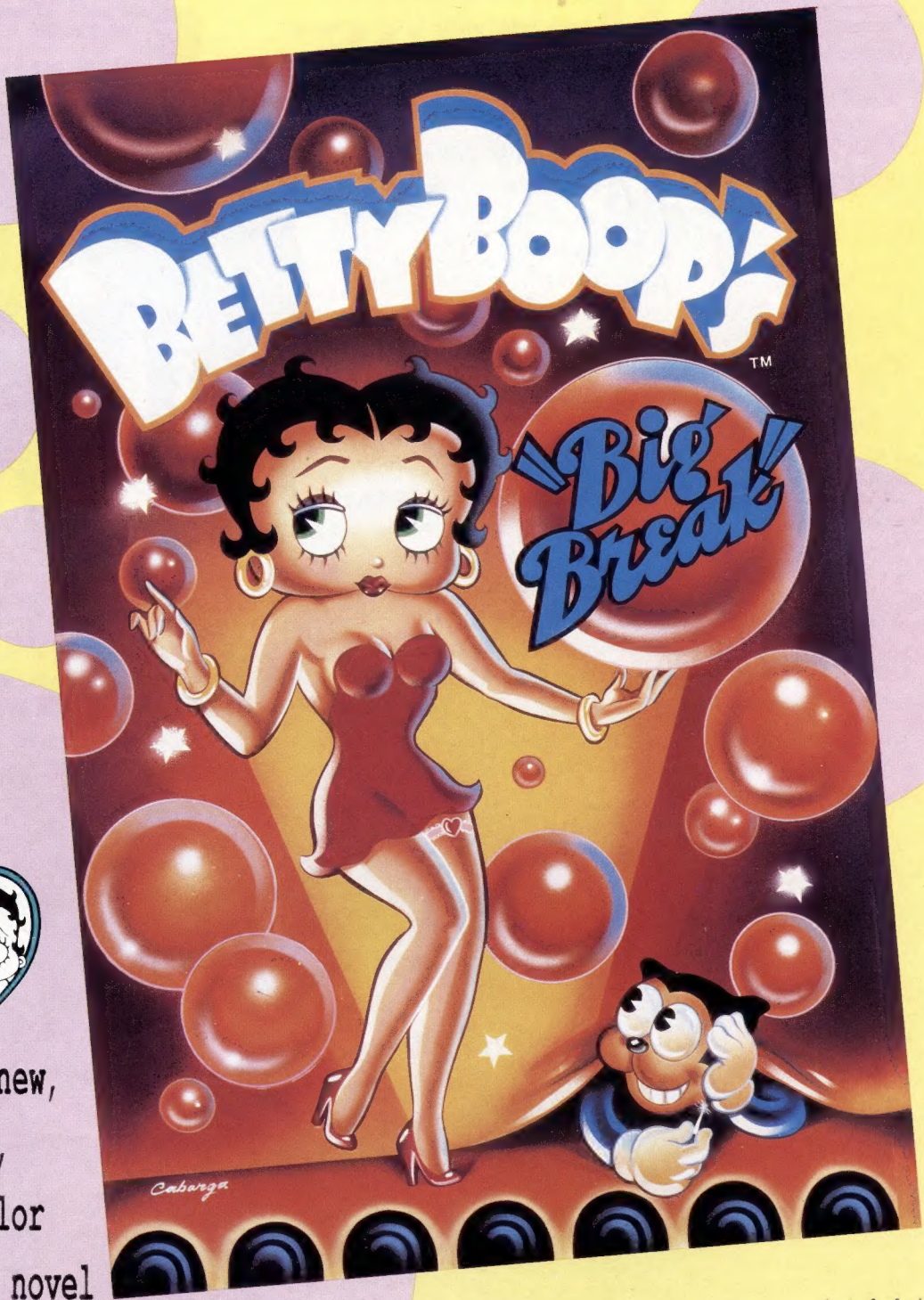

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